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OF THE

SIXTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

IN THE

STATE OF NORTH-CAROLINA:

HELD IN THE

SUPREME COURT ROOM, CITY OF RALEIGH,

On Thursday, April 18th; Friday, April 19th; Saturday, April 20th, and
Monday, April 22d, 1822.

TOGETHER WITH

THE CANONS IN FORCE IN THIS STATE.



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LIST OF THE ATTENDING MEMBERS.

OF THE CLERGY.

Rt. Rev. R. C. MOORE, D. D. ex officio President,
 Rev. JNO. AVERY, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Edenton,
 G. T. BEDELL, late Rector of St. John's Church,
 Fayetteville,
 ROBT. DAVIS, Deacon and Missionary,
 ADAM EMPIE, Rector of St. James' Church, Wilmington
 WM. GREEN, Deacon St. John's Church, Williamsboro'
 WM. HOOPER, Rector St. John's Church, Fayetteville,
 R. S. MASON, Christ's Church, Newbern,
 ROBT. J. MILLER, St. Michael's Church, Iredell co.
 JOHN PHILLIPS, Trinity Church, Tarborough,
 SAML. SITGREAVES, Deacon & Missionary attending
 as Delegate from St. Mark's Church, Halifax,
 THOS. WRIGHT, Deacon and Missionary.

LAITY.

Thomas Callender, }
Julius H. Walker, } St. James' Church, Wilmington,
John B. Lord, }
Dr. F. J. Hill, }
Josiah Collins, St. Paul's Church, Edenton,
John A. Cameron, }
Charles T. Haigh, } St. John's Church, Fayetteville,
Dr. Andrew Scott, }
Wm. Kyle, } Christ's Church, Newbern,
Thos. H. Kean, }
Saml. S. Garthwait, St. John's Church, Williamsboro',
Wm. Pugh, Grace Chapel, Pitt co.
Hon. J. L. Taylor, }
Dr. A. S. H. Burgess, } Christ's Church, Raleigh,
Wm. H. Haywood, jr. }
Geo. W. Freeman, } Emanuel Church, Warrenton,
Jno. Anderson, }
Hon. Duncan Cameron, St. Mary's Church, Orange co.
Dr. Thos. D. Parke, } Calvary Church, Wadesborough,
Col. Wm. Dismukes, }
Bennet A. Reeves, Christ's Church, Rowan co.



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RALEIGH, THURSDAY, APRIL 18th, 1822.

THIS being the day appointed for the meeting of the Convention, divine service was attended in the Methodist Church, which had been kindly offered for the occasion. Morning prayer was conducted by the Rev. R. S. MASON, and a sermon preached by the Rev. JOHN AVERY. The Members of the Convention then proceeded, for the transaction of business, to the Supreme Court Room. The Rev. G. T. BEDELL acted as Secretary *pro tempore*.

PRESENT—OF THE CLERGY,

Rt. Rev. R. C. MOORE, D. D. ex officio President.
Rev. JOHN AVERY, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Edenton,
G. T. BEDELL, late Rector of St. John's Church,
Fayetteville,

ROBERT DAVIS, Missionary,
ADAM EMPIE, Rector of St. James' Church, Wilmington
WM. M. GREEN, Deacon and Missionary,
WM. HOOPER, Rector St. John's Church, Fayetteville,
R. S. MASON, Christ's Church, Newbern,
JNO. PHILLIPS, Trinity Church, Tarborough,
THOS. WRIGHT, Deacon and Missionary.

The following Lay Delegates then presented the certificates of their respective appointments, and took their seats—viz :

Thomas Callender, Julius H. Walker, John B. Lord, Dr. F. J. Hill,	}	St. James' Church, Wilmington,
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Charles T. Haigh, } *St. John's Church, Fayetteville,*
 Dr. Andrew Scott, }
 Wm. Kyle, } *Christ's Church, Newbern,*
 Tho's. H. Kean, }
 Josiah Collins, } *St. Paul's Church, Edenton,*
 Hon. Duncan Cameron, } *St. Mary's Church, Orange co.*
 Geo. W. Freeman, } *Emanuel Church, Warrenton,*
 Jno. Anderson, }
 Samuel S. Garthwait, } *St. John's Church, Williamsboro',*
 Wm. Pugh, } *Grace Chapel, Pitt co.*

The Rev. R. S. MASON was then elected Secretary of the Convention.

Certificates of the organization of the following Churches were produced and read—viz: St. Mark's Church, Halifax; Calvary Church, Wadesborough; and Christ's Church, Raleigh. The said Churches were then admitted into union with the Convention.

The following persons then presented their certificates of delegation from the above Churches, and took their seats:

Rev. Sam'l. Sitgreaves, } *St. Mark's Church, Halifax,*
 Dr. Tho's. D. Parke, } *Calvary Church, Wadesboro',*
 Col. Wm. Dismukes, }
 Hon. J. L. Taylor, } *Christ's Church, Raleigh.*
 Dr. A. S. H. Burgess, }
 Wm. H. Haywood, }

The Bishop, as President, then appointed the following persons a Committee to report on the state of the Church, viz; Rev. Messrs. EMPIE and AVERY of the Clergy, and Messrs. Taylor, Scott, and Collins, of the Laity.

The Convention then adjourned, to meet in the afternoon at half past three o'clock.

Thursday, half past 3 o'clock, P. M.

The house met according to adjournment.

The Rev. ROBERT J. MILLER appeared at this time and took his seat.

The Parochial Reports were then called for, and the following were accordingly submitted:

St. James' Church, Wilmington,

REV. A. EMPIE, RECTOR.

Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	-	-	31
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Burials, of whom 3 were strangers,	-	-	-	-	-	-	23
Communicants,	-	-	-	-	-	-	139

8 having died, 8 removed, 3 left us, and 7 been added since the last Convention.

MISSIONARY COLLECTIONS.

Received from the Missionary & Common Prayer Book Society,	\$ 11 50
Received by subscription,	2 00
Collected in Church,	23 00
Received from the Female working Association,	20 00
from a lady, jewellery which sold for	12 00
Amounting in all	<u>\$68 50</u>

A Circulating Church Library has just been established here. It commences with about 230 volumes, and depends for its enlargement and prosperity, upon donations, and upon annual and life subscriptions. It is to be the permanent property of the Church, under the care of its Vestry, and for the benefit of its successive Pastors, and all others who purchase a right to it, by annual, or by life subscriptions. And the great object in view is, not merely to render it ultimately a complete Clerical Library; but at a very cheap rate, to furnish the rising generation and all the members of our Church, with such books as are incomparably more valuable than that pernicious trash which constitutes the fashionable reading of the day—such books as all christian parents ought to peruse themselves, and put into the hands of their children—such books, as, containing the most useful and interesting information, will be at once heralds of orthodox sentiments, auxiliaries to virtue and piety, and means, whereby the christian may grow in grace as well as in knowledge.

It is not incompatible with the 45th Canon, renewedly to notice, and to recommend to the notice of others, the *Female working Association*. This Association, by the mere ordinary labor of the hands, during one half day every week, has made enough since last Convention, to contribute,

For the annual education of a heathen child,	\$ 12 00
In clothing for heathen children at one of the	
Missionary establishments in our country,	10 00
To our Missionary Society, - - -	20 00
To the Library above mentioned - - -	50 00

We cannot help saying to others—Go thou and do likewise.

According to the resolution of last Convention, I started upon a missionary tour, into the interior; but various circumstances conspired, soon after its commencement, to cut it short. The whole of it resulted, therefore, in my preaching once at Raleigh, once at Hillsborough, and once at St. Mary's Chapel, where I also administered the communion; and in baptising five, in various parts of Orange county, and one in the city of Raleigh.

Trinity Church, Tarborough,

REV. JOHN PHILLIPS.

At Tarborough—Communicants,	- - -	4
Burials,	- - -	1
At Washington—Communicants,	- - -	2
Baptisms,	- - -	1
Burials,	- - -	2
Trinity Chapel, Bear Creek—Communicants,		9
Burials,	- - -	2
Warrenton—Communicants,	- - -	13
Baptisms,	- - -	4

I have administered the sacraments of the Lord's Supper at St. Mary's Chapel, Orange county, and have visited Oxford and Williamsborough.

The Vestry and Members of Trinity Chapel, Bear Creek, desire to be received into the Convention.* Those who profess to be Episcopalians, are about thirty in number. About two hundred attend the Chapel—these, with a few exceptions, approve of our mode of worship.

Christ's Church, Newbern,

REV. R. S. MASON.

Baptisms in Newbern—children	17,	adults	1,	18
Grace Chapel,	2,		1,	3
Beaufort,	1,			1
near Washington,	1,			1
Kinston,	1,			1
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			TOTAL	24
Burials,	-	-	-	15
Marriages,	-	-	-	5
Communicants,	-	-	-	63

Since the last year 4 communicants have died, 2 have removed from the parish, and 2 have discontinued their reception of that holy sacrament; 7 have been added.

The Sunday School is still continued, and is at present in a more flourishing state than at any former period. It consists of more than 30 scholars.

A Female Benevolent Society has been instituted for the purpose of furnishing with work those females who are unable of themselves to procure it, and also to relieve those who are incapable of labour. A great number of the female members of the congregation are attached to this Society, and take an active part in its proceedings.

Some measures have been taken for establishing a Church Library, the principal object of which is to furnish at a cheap and easy rate to the congregation at large, books of genuine piety and orthodox sentiments; such as may, through God's blessing, tend not only to enlighten the understanding, but to improve the heart.

* As no regular notice of the organization of this Church was presented, the admission thereof into union with the Convention was necessarily deferred till such notice should be received.

St. Paul's Church, Edenton.

REV. JOHN AVERY.

Baptisms in Edenton,	-	-	-	-	-	3
at St. Thomas' Chapel, Bertie co.						7
						<hr/> 10
						TOTAL
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	4
Burials—children 4, adults 2,	-	-	-	-	-	6
Communicants,	-	-	-	-	-	23

Since the last report three communicants have been added, one has died, and one has removed.

St. John's Church Williamsborough,

REV. WM. M. GREEN.

Baptisms at Raleigh,	-	-	-	-	-	9
Williamsborough,	-	-	-	-	-	4
Halifax,	-	-	-	-	-	1
Orange co.	-	-	-	-	-	4
						<hr/> 18
						TOTAL
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	4
Burials,	-	-	-	-	-	3

Christ's Church, Rowan co.

REV. ROBT. J. MILLER.

Baptisms—Christ's Church, children 14, adults 2,					16
*St. Michael's Church,	13,				13
in other places,	23,	3,			26
					<hr/> 55
					TOTAL
Marriages in both congregations,	-	-	-	-	2
Burials,	-	-	-	-	2
Communicants,	-	-	-	-	117

* St. Michael's Church was admitted into Convention the day following.

The Rev. ADAM EMPIE, as Chairman of the Committee on the part of this Church, to confer with the Committee appointed by the Lutheran Synod, presented the following report.

The Committee appointed "to meet the Synod of the Lutheran Church, and to agree upon such terms of union as might tend to the mutual advantage and welfare of both Churches," have executed their commission as far as they could "consistently with the canons and constitution" of their Church; and as the result of their commission, they beg leave to submit to the Convention the following report:

The Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Church of N. C. and the Committee on the part of the Lutheran Synod for North-Carolina and the adjacent states,

Having conferred on the subject of their respective appointments, have agreed on the following articles:

I. *Resolved*, That we deem it expedient and desirable, that the Lutheran Synod and the Protestant Episcopal Church of N. C. should be united together in the closest bonds of friendship.

II. *Resolved*, That for this purpose, we will mutually make such concessions as may not be inconsistent with the rules and regulations of our respective Churches, for the purpose of promoting a friendly intercourse.

III. *Resolved*, That the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church may send a delegation of one or more persons to the annual Synod of the Lutheran Church, which person or persons shall be entitled to an honorary seat in that body, and to the privilege of expressing their opinions and voting in all cases except when a division is called for; in which case they shall not vote.

IV. *Resolved*, That the Lutheran Synod may in like manner send a deputation to the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, who in all respects shall be entitled to the same privileges.

V. *Resolved*, That *all the Ministers* of the Lutheran Church in union with the Synod, shall be entitled to honorary seats in the Convention of the Protestant Epis-

topal Church; and the Clergymen of the said last mentioned Church, shall, in like manner, be entitled to honorary seats in the Synod of the Lutheran Church.

The Committee respectfully recommend to the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and to the Synod of the Lutheran Church, the adoption of the foregoing resolutions.

G. SHOBER,	} Comm. of the Luth. Synod.
MICHAEL RAUH,	
HENRY RATS,	

A. EMPIE,	} Comm. of the P. E. Church.
DUNCAN CAMERON,	

June 18th, 1821.

The Rt. Rev. President of the Convention then read a letter from the Rev. Mr. SHOBER on the same subject, after which it was moved,

That the report be received, which was unanimously agreed to. It was then

Resolved, That the Secretary be required to address a letter to the President of the Lutheran Synod, informing him of the unanimous adoption of the above report.

The following delegation to the Lutheran Synod was then appointed. Rev. Messrs. MILLER, DAVIS and WRIGHT, of the Clergy, Messrs. *Alexander Caldcleugh, Duncan Cameron* and *Dr. F. J. Hill*, of the Laity.

A certificate from Christ's Church, Rowan co. appointing *Bennet A. Reeves* to serve as delegate from said Church in this Convention, was read and received, and Mr. *Bennet A. Reeves* appeared and took his seat.

A certificate of the regular organization of St. Michael's Church, Iredell co. was presented by the Rev. Mr. MILLER, and the said Church, agreeably to its petition, was admitted into Convention.

On motion, *Resolved*, that the Rev. Mr. BEDELL be appointed to preach a sermon for the purpose of making a collection to aid the funds of the Missionary Society.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the Rev. Mr. AVERY, for his sound and excellent discourse delivered at the opening of the Convention.

Resolved, That the Rev. Mr. HOOPER be appointed to draw up an address to the Episcopalians of this state, on the subject of the General Theological Seminary, and that when prepared, the Secretary cause it to be printed and distributed.

Resolved, That the Rev. Mr. BEDELL be requested to prepare as soon as possible, and furnish the Secretary of the Convention, for publication, such information in regard to the efforts making on behalf of the General Theological Seminary, as may be deemed important to communicate to the Episcopalians of this state.

The Committee appointed by the last Convention to solicit and receive donations and subscriptions for establishing a fund for the support of a Bishop, were called on to report; but it appeared that owing to peculiar circumstances nothing had been effected.*

Certificates of organization from the following congregations were then read, and the said congregations admitted into union with the Convention :

St. Peter's Church, Lexington, Rowan co. White Haven Church, Lincoln co. & Smyrna Church, Lincoln co.

The report of the Standing Committee was then read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The Convention then adjourned to meet the following day, after divine service.

Divine service was held at night, in the Presbyterian Church; prayers by the Rev. Mr. AVERY, and a sermon by the Rev. Mr. HOOPER.

Friday, April 19th.

Divine service was attended this morning in the Presbyterian Church; prayers by the Rev. Mr. WRIGHT, and a sermon by the Rev. Mr. EMPIE. After service, the Convention met according to adjournment, in the Supreme Court Room. The minutes of the preceding day were then read.

*Jno. A. Cameron, Esq. one of the Committee, and a Delegate from Fayetteville, was not present at the time the Committee was called on; but on the following day he stated, that he *had* obtained certain subscriptions in Fayetteville for the Episcopal fund.

Messrs. *Jno. A. Cameron*, & *Wm. Cameron*, two of the Delegates from Fayetteville, appeared and took their seats.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Rev. ADAM EMPIE and the Rev. WM. HOOPER, together with Messrs. *Jno. A. Cameron*, *Robert Strange*, and *Charles T. Haigh*, be appointed members of the Standing Committee.

It being found necessary to allow sufficient time to the different Committees for preparing their several reports ; and also to the Missionary Society for discussing the important business submitted to their consideration ; it was therefore

Resolved, That the Convention adjourn to meet at nine o'clock the following day.

Divine service was held in the afternoon, in the Methodist Church ; and a sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. WRIGHT.

Saturday, April 20th.

The Convention met according to adjournment, at 9 o'clock. The minutes of the preceding day were read. The Delegates to the General Convention were then ballotted for, and the Rev. Messrs. EMPIE, AVERY, HOOPER and MASON of the Clergy, and Messrs. *Duncan Cameron*, *J. A. Cameron*, *Moses Jarvis* and *Dr. F. J. Hill* of the Laity, were elected. The report of the Missionary Society was then called for, and the Rev. WM. HOOPER, as Chairman of the Committee appointed by the Society to draft the said report, presented the following, which was read and adopted.

REPORT.

The Committee on the affairs of the Missionary Society, having examined into its proceedings for the last year, report

That, the Society in the course of the last twelve months has had the regular and occasional services of five Missionaries ; three in the western and two in the eastern part of the state.

The Rev. Mr. MILLER, during the last summer and fall

and the present spring, has laboured in several of the western counties, particularly those of Iredell, Lincoln and Rowan, in conjunction with Rev. Mr. DAVIS and the Rev. Mr. WRIGHT. He administered the holy communion in different places, and reports from the several congregations, one hundred and twenty-two communicants. The Rev. Mr. MILLER gives it as his opinion, that a favorable opening has been made in the above mentioned section of the state, and recommends the continuance of missionary labours in that field. He states with regret that accidental circumstances prevented any collections in behalf of the missionary fund; but thinks that if the mission can be continued for one or two years, it will then be supported by the contributions of the people. He asserts that the state of society is such in that part of our country, that it is by missionary labours alone that the people can obtain the preaching of the gospel and the administration of ordinances.

The Rev. ROBERT DAVIS, since the last Convention, has laboured in the same district of country mentioned above, by the advice of the Rev. Mr. MILLER. He has been enabled to organize and bring into union with this Convention, four new congregations, and he confirms Mr. MILLER's account of the propriety of keeping up the exertions of our Missionaries in that quarter. He has had strong assurances made to him, that a considerable part of a Missionary's salary will be contributed by the people, if they should be favoured with the services of one during another year. The Committee regret to observe that the labours of Mr. DAVIS have been somewhat interrupted by sickness; but they see much reason to commend his zeal and diligence, notwithstanding much bodily debility; and the prudence of his conduct in circumstances which much required it.

The Rev. Mr. WRIGHT, also, during the last summer and fall, was in the service of the Society, in the western part of the state. He officiated chiefly at Wadesborough, in the county of Anson, (where a congregation has been formed), but a part of the time in the upper counties, in

company with Messrs. MILLER and DAVIS. These three Missionaries report seventy-three baptisms, of whom fifteen were adults.

The Rev. Mr. GREEN, agreeably to the request expressed by the Society, at their last annual meeting, has, besides his regular ministrations at Williamsborough, his place of residence, officiated once a month at Warrenton, Halifax, Oxford and Raleigh, and has met with encouragement. At Warrenton particularly, it is very gratifying to learn, that an Episcopal Church is erecting, and there is reason to believe that there will be at that place a very flourishing congregation.

The Rev. Mr. SITGREAVES, from the diocese of Pennsylvania, has been in the service of the Society for about the last six weeks, in the eastern part of the state. He reports favourably of the prospects of our Church in Washington and Halifax; but thinks that the hope of a Church at Tarborough is past.

With respect to the funds of the Society, it appears from the report of the Treasurer that the disbursements of the past year have been upwards of \$ 800, and have left in the treasury only \$ 189 58, exclusive of the collections of the present year; and it is probable that a full payment of the salaries of the Missionaries, will more than absorb the funds of the last year. The collections for the present year amount to only \$ 210, and without some other resources than those at present in hand, it will be impracticable to employ even one Missionary, during the whole of the ensuing year. As the continued labours of zealous and devoted Missionaries appears to be the only probable means of rearing our Church in those parts of the state where it has not hitherto been planted, the friends of our Church generally, throughout the diocese, cannot be too earnestly besought and urged to contribute liberally towards this fund, which is now almost exhausted; and not only to pray fervently the great Lord of the harvest to send forth faithful labourers into this great field; but also to remember that the labourer is worthy of his meat.

WM. M. GREEN, }
: WM. HOOPER, } Committee.

On motion, *Resolved*, That an annual contribution be made from each congregation in convention with the Church in this state, to defray the necessary expenses of the Bishop's visitation, and the other contingent charges of the Convention.

Resolved, further, That the Secretary of the Convention be ex officio Treasurer of the same.

The Convention then adjourned to attend divine service and meet at 3 o'clock. Prayer was performed by the Rev. Mr. AVERY, and a sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. MASON.

3 o'clock.

The Convention met according to adjournment. The minutes of the morning were read. The report of the Standing Committee was then read and adopted.

REPORT.

The Standing Committee having, according to the resolutions of the Conventions of 1820 & '21, taken into consideration "the propriety of organizing a Society, for the promotion of christian knowledge, by printing and publishing such works, as the Society, by its officers, may think conducive to this effect," beg leave to report

That, in their opinion, the formation of such a Society is highly expedient, and ought no longer to be delayed. And they therefore, in pursuance of the resolutions above referred to, have drawn up the following preamble, constitution and laws, which they herewith respectfully submit.

As the Protestant Episcopal Church, in this state, is still in its infancy, and many of her members, living remote from the opportunities of instruction, are growing, or have grown up, without any knowledge of her character and her distinctive principles; as some of these are more likely to be benefitted by instructions that come forth under the sanction of the Episcopal name, than by any other; and others, being unacquainted with her high claims to a primitive and scriptural character, are constantly in

danger of being drawn off from her communion, (*into some of those systems of heresy, which the corrupt heart of man is prone to prefer, to the self-denying and pride-humbling doctrines of the cross, as exhibited by our Church*)—as too, it is our duty, as *watchmen and shepherds*, to prevent, if possible, these sheep from going astray, and to bring and keep all under the care of the great Shepherd and Bishop of souls—as this, at present, is, in a great measure, impracticable, except through the medium of religious tracts; those silent missionaries, which may be sent forth to every family and every individual—as mankind *in general* are unwilling, or unable, to go to any expense or trouble, in purchasing or reading books, for the purpose of acquiring the knowledge of religious truth and duty—as however *a few* may be found, who *would* purchase good books, provided they came in their way, properly recommended—as *most* would read a tract, or a small book, if *presented* to them, which they never could be prevailed upon to *purchase*—and as Episcopalians stand bound, by their love for God, for the Church, and for the souls of their brethren, to do good, as far as they have it in their power, to all the members of the household of faith,

We, the subscribers, do hereby form ourselves into a Society, that shall be known and distinguished by the name of the *Protestant Episcopal Society, for the promotion of piety and christian knowledge, in North-Carolina.*

2d. The means to be adopted for carrying this object into effect, shall be these two—1st. A *book establishment*, as described in the next article: and 2dly. The *distribution* of such books and tracts, as the Board of Managers, hereafter mentioned, shall select for that purpose—which books and tracts, may either be purchased, or printed and published by the Society, as the Board shall think most expedient.

3d. As soon as practicable and expedient, the Board of Managers shall commence a book establishment, at such place, in this state, and under such regulations, as may appear to them best. By purchase or otherwise, this

establishment shall be furnished with all such books as are best calculated to promote the great objects of this Society. For the sale and distribution of the books and tracts belonging to this Society, all our Clergy, settled and missionary, shall always be Agents; and in addition to these, the Board of Managers shall appoint, throughout the state, such other Agents, as will be most likely, and best disposed to further our views. All these shall be amenable to the general book Agent, and governed by such rules as he, with the approbation of the Board of Managers shall prescribe: and this Board shall adopt and carry into effect, all such rules and measures, as shall appear most likely to benefit the book concern.

4th. The officers of this Society shall be, a President, Secretary, Treasurer, and general book Agent. The President, Secretary, and Treasurer, shall, respectively, perform the duties that ordinarily belong to those offices. The Treasurer shall also exhibit, at every annual meeting of the Society, a full and detailed statement of his accounts: and it shall be the duty of the general book Agent, to take care of all the books and tracts of the Society—to keep an account of all that he buys and sells, of all the books he gives out and all the money he receives—to make a full report of every thing that relates to the book establishment, at every annual meeting of the Board of Managers—and to govern himself by all such rules as that Board may think fit to prescribe. For these services, he shall receive such compensation as he and the Board may have previously stipulated.

5th. The Board of Managers shall consist of the officers of the Society, and four other members, five of whom shall constitute a quorum. Of this Board, five of whom shall always be Clergymen, the Bishop of the diocese, or, if there be no Bishop, the President of the Standing Committee, shall be, *ex officio*, a member. It shall be the duty of this Board, to select, and direct the book Agent to purchase, or cause to be published, such books or tracts, as they shall think best calculated to diffuse a knowledge of the distinguishing principles of the Church,

and to promote the cause of truth and real godliness among her members. And they shall farther take the most effective measures practicable, to cause the above to be distributed among all the friends and members of our communion, throughout the state.

6th. Any one may become a member of this Society, by paying two dollars annually. The payment of twenty dollars shall constitute membership for life.

7th. Every annual subscriber shall be entitled to half the amount of his subscription, in tracts or books, at the Society's prices; and the various Agents of the Society shall be requested to sell all they can, for the benefit of its funds.

8th. The friends of the Church, in every part of the state, are earnestly requested to form Societies auxiliary to this. Such auxiliaries shall be entitled to tracts and books, at the Society's prices, to any extent not exceeding the amount of their contributions.

9th. The annual meeting of this Society shall be held at the same place with the Convention, and on the second day of its session; at which time also, officers shall be elected, and the annual subscription shall become due.

10th. No article of this constitution shall be altered, except at the annual meeting, and by the consent of two-thirds of the members present.

The Standing Committee have also granted to the Rev. SAMUEL S. SITGREAVES, Jun. the testimonials required by the 31st canon of the General Convention; and they have recommended for Priest's orders the Rev. WM. HOOPER and the Rev. WM. M. GREEN.

The Rev. Mr. AVERY, as Chairman of the Committee on the state of the Church, then presented the following report, which was read and adopted.

REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

In comparing the Parochial and Missionary Reports of the present Convention, with those of the last, it appears that our members have been considerably increased,

and that the prospects of our Church, by the divine blessing, are highly encouraging to our exertions and animating to our zeal.

The number of the communicants at present are 370,* making an accession of 38 since the last Convention. The baptisms have been more than double the number reported the last year.

Seven new congregations have been admitted into union, making our whole number 18. It appears, also, from the report of the Committee appointed at the last Convention, to meet the Lutheran Synod, and by a communication received from the President of that Synod, that such arrangements have been made as afford a prospect that the interests of the two Churches will be promoted, and the great cause of christianity advanced.

In adverting to the means, which, under God's good providence, have been instrumental in extending our Church, and raising it to its present state of prosperity, one of the most efficacious has been the Missionary Society. It is principally by the exertions of the Missionaries employed the past year, that so many congregations have been added to our Church. The importance of this Society, and the duty of supporting it by liberal contributions, appear more clearly every year.

We observe with peculiar pleasure the establishment of Church Libraries in two of our parishes, Wilmington and Newbern, and would call the attention of our other Churches to the same subject, as a matter worthy of consideration.

We anticipate, also, great advantages from the prospect of an establishment at the present Convention, of a Society for the promotion of piety and christian knowledge; and we earnestly recommend it to the patronage and support of the friends of religion, as a channel for the conveyance of sound principles and correct information.

The above is respectfully submitted to the Convention, on behalf of the Committee on the state of the Church, by

JOHN AVERY, *Chairman of the Committee.*

* This is the number reported, but certainly far less than the real number, as no report of communicants was received from half the congregations.

After this report had been received, the following resolutions were on motion adopted :

Resolved, That the persons hereinafter mentioned be a Committee to procure funds for the support of the Episcopate, and that they report their proceedings to the next Convention.

Rev. John Avery,	}	<i>Edenton.</i>
Joseph Skinner,		
Hon. Jas. Iredell,		
Josiah Collins,		
Rev. R. S. Mason,	}	<i>Newbern.</i>
Hon. John Stanly,		
Moses Jarvis,		
Rev. Adam Empie,	}	<i>Wilmington.</i>
Dr. F. J. Hill,		
Dr. A. J. De Rosset,		
Rev. William Hooper,	}	<i>Fayetteville.</i>
Robert Strange,		
John A. Cameron,		
Hon. Duncan Cameron,	}	<i>Orange co.</i>
Hon. Thomas Ruffin,		
John Haywood,		
Thos. Henderson,	}	<i>Raleigh.</i>
A. S. Burgess,		
Wm. H. Haywood, Jr.		
Rev. John Phillips,	}	<i>Warrenton.</i>
Hon. G. E. Badger,		
John Anderson,		
Geo. W. Freeman,		
Hon. J. J. Daniel,	}	<i>Halifax.</i>
Edmund Freeman,		
John Hawks,		
David Clarke,		
Rev. Wm. Green,	}	<i>Granville.</i>
Hon. L. Henderson,		
Wm. Robards,		
John Taylor,		

A. Henderson,	}	<i>Salisbury.</i>
J. L. Henderson,		
Jos. Martin,		
S. L. Ferrand,		
Rev. Robert Davis,	}	<i>Lexington.</i>
Alex. Caldcleugh,		
Rev. Thos. Wright,	}	<i>Wadesborough.</i>
Wm. Dismukes,		
Jos. Pickett,		
Rev. John Miller,	}	<i>Lincoln co.</i>
Robert Burton,		
Wm. Johnston,		
Duncan Ferris,		

Resolved, further, That the Standing Committee for the time being, shall be, and are hereby declared to be Trustees for managing the fund for the Episcopate.

Resolved, That the canons of the Church in this state be arranged and numbered in the order in which they were adopted, and that the Secretary incorporate them with the journals of the Convention.

Resolved, That the next Convention be held at Salisbury.

The Convention, after the adoption of the above resolutions, adjourned to meet again on Monday morning.

On Sunday, divine service was held in the morning in the Methodist Church. The service of the Church was performed by the Rev. Messrs. BEDELL and MASON, conjointly, and a sermon delivered by the Bishop, to a very numerous and attentive audience. Several persons were admitted to the holy rite of confirmation, and the sacrament of the Lord's Supper administered to many and attentive recipients. In the afternoon, divine service was held in the Methodist Church, and a sermon delivered by the Rev. Mr. BEDELL, as preparatory to a collection for aiding the funds of the Missionary Society. About 70 dollars were collected. At night the Bishop preached in the Presbyterian Church.

Monday, April 22d.

The Convention met according to adjournment, at 8 o'clock. The minutes of the Convention were then read. After which the following resolutions were on motion adopted :

Whereas, Ministers both settled and missionary, are greatly needed in our Church, and many young men among other denominations of christians have been educated for the ministry by the contributions of what are called Cent Societies, the members of which contribute a small sum weekly, therefore,

Resolved, That the Convention do heartily recommend to the different congregations of our Church, and particularly to the *female* members of the same, to lend their aid to supply the wants of the Church, by the formation of similar Societies.

Resolved, unanimously, That as the Rev. G. T. BELLE is now about to leave this diocess, the members of this Convention do hereby express their unfeigned regret at his departure, and their sincere and grateful acknowledgements of his active and zealous services.

Resolved, unanimously, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the Pastors, Trustees and congregations, of the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches in this city, for their kind offer of their respective Churches, for the use of this Convention.

Resolved, That the interests of the Church in this diocess very much require the residence and active services of a Bishop.

Resolved, secondly, That as the charge of two extensive diocesses render it impracticable for our present Bishop to give that portion of time to the care of this diocess, which its circumstances require, and as the measure has been proposed by the Bishop, it is hereby recommended, to the next Convention, to proceed to the election of a Bishop for the diocess of North-Carolina.

Resolved, unanimously, That the thanks of this Convention be and they are hereby tendered to the Rt. Rev.

Bishop MOORE, for his pastoral care of the Church in this state, for his friendly visitation, and for the disinterested zeal which he has uniformly manifested in its welfare.

Resolved, That the Secretary cause 500 copies of the journal to be printed.

The business of the Convention being declared completed, the following address was delivered by the Bishop,

ADDRESS.

BRETHREN,

It has pleased Almighty God to permit us again to assemble together, and as the Council of his Church, to unite our efforts in the advancement of the gospel of his grace. To observe the work of the Lord to prosper in our hands, should excite in our minds the most fervent gratitude to Heaven, and impel us to greater and more vigorous exertions in his cause.

It is but a few years since the work in which we are engaged was commenced. An assembly of nine individuals, impressed with a desire to raise the Church of their fathers from the ruins in which it was involved, nobly united in the attempt. With a zeal proportioned to the difficulties with which they had to struggle, a zeal which no obstacles could arrest, they laid the foundation upon which, under the divine blessing, we have thus far raised the superstructure. If they, in a moment so unpromising, conceived the hallowed design, how ought our minds to be encouraged with the animating prospect before us. If three Clergymen, and six of the Laity, trusting in the goodness of the Almighty, and looking up to him for assistance, took hold of the ark of the Lord, and bore it successfully upon their shoulders, how much may be expected from the joint efforts of a Convention, consisting of eleven Ministers of the gospel, and between twenty and thirty members of the congregations. The

presence of gentlemen from such distant parts of the diocese, forms an evidence of zeal the most encouraging, and may be considered as the loudest expression of the blessing of the living God upon our labours. Our difficulties are daily diminishing. The path before us becomes more and more luminous. Seven new congregations have been received into union with us during our present session. The daughter of Zion is laying aside her weeds, and putting on her beautiful garments.

In the performance of the duties of the ministry, permit me, my reverend brethren, to request you to insist upon the peculiar doctrines of the gospel of Christ Jesus. Ordained, as most of you have been, by the imposition of *my* hands, I confide in your affection for a dutiful compliance with my pastoral advice. Let the fall of man, with that depravity of nature which marks our apostate race, enter into all your discourses. Insist, at all times, on the necessity of conversion of heart, and of the renewing influences of the Holy Spirit. Honour the Sacraments of the Church as the medium of divine communication. Teach your people that without "holiness" of heart and life "no man shall see the Lord." Hold up the Saviour to their view, "as the way and the truth and the life;" as the "propitiation for the sins of the whole world;" as the only door by which a fallen creature can enter into bliss. Proclaim the Lord Jesus Christ as *the Son of God—the only begotten of the Father—the express image of his person—as God manifest in the flesh—God over all blessed for evermore.*

In addition to a faithful exposition of the truth, see that your lives are conformed to the principles you deliver. "Adorn the gospel of God your Saviour in all things." Be examples of holiness to the congregations over which you are placed. "Let that mind be in you which was in Christ Jesus."

My brethren of the Laity, permit me to recommend to your best attention, the Pastors of your respective congregations. Strengthen their hands, I beseech you, in the discharge of their important duties. Encourage them

in delivering the truths of the everlasting gospel, defend them from the unkind attacks of unbelievers. Carry them in the arms of prayer to the throne of grace. Beseech the Almighty to endue them with his Holy Spirit, and to sustain them in their arduous work.

My beloved brethren! I bid you an affectionate adieu. I ask an interest in all your prayers. Pray for me, that I may continue faithful unto death, that God may give me the crown of eternal life.

After prayer, by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

Rt. Rev. R. C. MOORE, *President*.

ATTEST,

RICHARD S. MASON, *Secretary*.



As some information respecting the Bishop's further progress through this diocese will no doubt be interesting to the members of the Church, it is here subjoined.

On Wednesday, April 24th, in St. John's Church, Fayetteville, the Rev'd. Mr. HOOPER, Rector of that Church, was admitted to the holy order of the Priesthood, and six persons were confirmed. At night the Bishop preached to a very numerous assembly. On Sunday, April 28th, the Rev. Messrs. GREEN and WRIGHT were admitted to the holy order of Priests, in St. James' Church, Wilmington; thirty-one persons were confirmed, and the sacrament of the Lord's Supper administered. The Bishop preached twice in Wilmington. On May 2d, thirty persons were confirmed in Christ's Church, Newbern. The Bishop preached on the night of Wednesday, May 1st, and twice on the following day.

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CANONS.



CANON I.—PASSED APRIL 3, 1817.

Of Presentments.

Every trial of a Clergyman in this Church, for misbehaviour, shall be on presentment, made to the Bishop by the Convention, by the Vestry of the parish to which the Clergyman belongs, or by three or more Presbyters of the Church. In every presentment, the charge or charges shall be distinctly specified.

CANON II.—PASSED APRIL 3, 1817.

For the trial of a Clergyman, the Bishop shall appoint three Presbyters, who shall be constituted a Board for trying the accused person. The Bishop shall fix the time and place of trial, of both which at least a month's notice shall be given to the party accused ; and should he neglect or refuse to attend, the trial shall proceed. The Board, thus constituted, shall examine fully the charges alleged, and keep a minute and accurate record of the testimony of witnesses, and of every question and proceeding that comes before them. No charge shall be substantiated on a testimony of less than two witnesses. On the examination of any witness, should the accused party require it, an oath or affirmation shall be administered by a magistrate. In all questions, a unanimous vote shall be necessary to a decision. Having come to a decision on the charge or charges respectively, the Board shall communicate this decision to the Bishop ; and also, in case they have found the accused guilty, the sentence,

which, in their opinion, should be pronounced. A certified copy of the record of their proceedings shall be laid before the Bishop, and his judgment in the case shall be final.

CANON III.—PASSED APRIL 3, 1817.

Of the sentence to be pronounced on a Clergyman found guilty of misbehaviour.

This sentence may be admonition, suspension, degradation from the Ministry, or excommunication; and shall be pronounced by the Bishop, and communicated to every parish in the state.

CANON IV.—PASSED APRIL 24, 1819.

Respecting the call of a special Convention.

When a special Convention is called, it shall be the duty of the Secretary, in issuing the notifications, to specify the business and purposes for which the Convention is assembled.

CANON V.—PASSED APRIL 24, 1819.

Concerning Parochial Registers and Reports.

In order to give effect to the 4th canon of the General Convention in 1808, it is hereby required that each Minister of this Church shall keep a register of all the baptisms, marriages and funerals, solemnized by him in the discharge of his ministry; specifying the names of the parties married; the name and time of the birth of the child baptised, and the names of the parents; the name of the person buried; and the time when each rite was performed; which register shall be transcribed, at least once in every month, in a book to be kept for that purpose, belonging to the Vestry of each Church. He shall also

Keep a register of the names of the communicants within his care. And it shall be the duty of each Minister to report annually to the Bishop, at the meeting of the Convention, the amount of said registers, and also the amount of the register of adults required to be kept by the aforesaid canon of the General Convention, together with a written account of the state of the parish; which reports shall be by the Bishop communicated to the Convention, and read in their presence, in order to promote a general knowledge of the state of the Church; and shall afterwards be preserved by the Secretary among the records of the Convention.

CANON VI.—PASSED APRIL 24, 1819.

The Clergy required to attend the meetings of the Convention.

Whereas the regular attendance of the Clergy at the meetings of the Convention is of essential consequence to the interests of the Church, this duty is hereby enjoined on them. At the opening of every Convention, the names of the Clergy entitled to seats in the Convention shall be called over, the absentees noted, and at the ensuing Convention, they shall be called upon for the reasons of their absence.

CANON VII.—PASSED MAY 2, 1821.

Any association of ten or more adults, consenting to adopt and be governed by the constitution and canons of this Church, assuming some name by which their Church or parish may be designated; appointing a Vestry of four or more persons to manage the temporal concerns of their body, and also a delegation of any number of persons not exceeding four, may be received into union with this Church, and their Delegates shall be entitled to seats in this Convention, on producing a written certificate, signed by the Vestry, stating that the above conditions have been complied with.

CONGREGATIONS OF THE P. E. CHURCH,

In the Diocese of North-Carolina.

- (a) St. James' Church, Wilmington ;
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 - (b) St. Jude's Church, Orange co. ;
 - (c) Trinity Church, Tarborough ;
 - (c) St. John's Church, Williamsborough ;
 - (d) St. Mary's Church, Orange co. ;
 - (e) Emmanuel Church, Warrenton ;
 - (e) Christ's Church, Rowan co. ;
 - (f) St. Mark's Church, Halifax ;
 - (f) Calvary Church, Wadesborough ;
 - (f) Christ's Church, Raleigh ;
 - (f) St. Michael's Church, Iredell co. ;
 - (f) St. Peter's Church, Lexington, Rowan co.
 - (f) White Haven Church, Lincoln co. ;
 - (f) Smyrna Church, Lincoln co.
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(a) These four Churches composed the original Convention of 1817. (b) Admitted into union in 1818. (c) Admitted in 1819. (d) On the Journals there is no notice of the admission of this Church into union, but this was probably effected in 1820, when Duncan Cameron, Esq. the Delegate therefrom, was a member of the Convention. (e) Admitted in 1821. (f) Admitted in 1822.

THE Secretary here takes an opportunity to apologize for the late publication of the Journal. This arose from the printer judging it necessary to procure a new font of types for the purpose, which was longer in coming to hand than was at first anticipated.

Notice is hereby given, that the next Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of North-Carolina, will be held in Salisbury, Thursday, April 10th, 1823.
